

# ***Don't flush medications!***



## **Flushing medications can cause contamination to Kansas aquatic environments.**

Instead of flushing, residents can take excess and unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications to the location listed below.

**Saline County Sheriff's Office**  
**251 N. 10TH Street • Salina, KS 67401**  
**785-826-6500**  
**Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Proper storage could save a child's life, and proper disposal of these medications can help prevent contamination to the Kansas environment. The Saline County Sheriff's Office will accept all medications at no charge and ensure they are properly disposed of through incineration approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

**If you cannot bring your excess medications to the sheriff's office, prepare them for disposal as follows:** Crush or dissolve pills in water, coffee, or another liquid. Make a paste of the dissolved pills or liquid medication by adding it to kitty litter or coffee grounds. Put the paste in a closed container, making sure any personal markings are removed. Then put the closed container in the trash.

\* These steps to safe disposal are recommendations from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are detailed in a guidance document available at <http://www.kdheks.gov/waste/guidance/sw07-01.pdf>.

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